

#### IV. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLANS

Regulation 401 KAR 4:220 requires that, prior to beginning the planning process, planning councils develop the goals and objectives for the water management plan. This chapter discusses the objectives of the planning council for this plan. It also lays out the plan of work to achieve these objectives as established by the council; discusses conflicts or lack of consensus in the establishment of the objectives; and assesses compatibility of the objectives with other existing plans, if any.

##### A. Planning objectives

The Water Management Council developed the following objectives:

###### ***Water Supply -***

1. Provide water service to existing customers while maintaining an adequate supply.
2. Obtain alternate water supply if current supply is not sufficient.
3. Establish an emergency supply source.

###### ***Water Distribution -***

1. Serve every household in the counties within the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council with water by the year 2020.
2. Maintain and improve service to existing customers.

###### ***Regional Approach -***

1. Interconnections of water systems to establish alternative supply
2. Expansion of water service areas in order to provide potable water for all citizens within the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council's planning unit.

###### ***Wastewater Needs -***

1. Improve wastewater services within the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council's planning boundary of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike Counties.
2. Eliminate failing septic systems and straight pipes.

**B. Planning process to set objectives**

The process to set objectives began at the first meeting of the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council at the Mountain Arts Center on November 13, 2000. In attendance were judges, mayors, water system personnel, and health department personnel. The council members worked together and developed the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council's objectives, goals, and time frames.

**C. Conflicts or lack of consensus**

The objectives, goals, and time frames established for water and wastewater management planning efforts within Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike Counties were in consensus of the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council.

**D. Conflicts with existing or proposed plans of local entities**

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council agreed that the local entities will continue to maintain and extend services within the designated water management areas.

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council agreed that the objectives, goals, and time frames will provide transition to regional cooperation among the counties, cities, and communities.

**E. Existing water or water-related plans**

Phase I and Phase II of the Water Supply Plans are available for the Big Sandy Area and the counties of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike.

The Strategic Water Resource Developmental Plan discusses detailed water and wastewater system information for the State of Kentucky separated by counties.

The SWAP or Source Water Action Plan discusses the source water availability and potential contamination impacts for the State of Kentucky separated by counties.

The 40 counties of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky

associated with the PRIDE program has a PRIDE plan that discusses wastewater issues, alternatives, and implementation.

Kentucky requires that all wastewater system have an approved 201 facilities planning document which indicates service areas and planning efforts based upon twenty year increments.

Kentucky requires all counties to maintain and update economic development plans which associates the water and wastewater needs with economic growth and development.

**F. Work Plan: Objectives and Deadlines**

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council will work toward deadlines established by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Kentucky Division of Water. The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council will continue to set self imposed time frames for project plans, project development, and project construction in order to improve the quality and quantity of service for all citizens.